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Notice to Owners and Operators of Indoor Tanning Facilities in Maryland

Maryland law requires indoor tanning facilities to obtain parental consent before allowing a minor to use an indoor tanning device and charges the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with enforcing that requirement. Under COMAR 10.52.06.05, tanning facilities, in obtaining parental consent, are required to use the consent form approved by the Department.

After an extensive stakeholder process, including opportunities for public comment and testimony from physicians' groups and tanning industry experts, the Department is implementing a revised form beginning December 15, 2013. The revised form is attached to this letter, and it includes language about the risk of cancer that was unanimously recommended by the state's Council on Cancer Control.

This form is required to be used for all minors seeking to use an indoor tanning device. A parent may use this form to consent to a single visit or to multiple visits to a tanning facility, and the parent's consent will be considered valid and effective for a period of up to six months.

If you have any questions, please call Dr. Cliff Mitchell, Director of the Environmental Health Bureau, at (410) 767-7438.